VA Privacy Service
Privacy in Action Speaker Series
Event Resource Guide

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Privacy Service, thank you for participating in the *Privacy in Action* Speaker Series event, "PII and the Cloud." We hope you found the information presented by our panelists insightful and meaningful to your daily work. Below is a recap of the main topics discussed today with links to additional information.

Personally Identifiable Information

Personally identifiable information, or **PII**, is any data that could potentially be used to identify a particular person. Examples include:

- A full name
- Social Security Number
- Driver's license number

- Bank account number
- Passport number
- Email address

The Cloud

"The Cloud" refers to information and data that are stored on physical or virtual servers and maintained by the cloud provider, such as Google. Cloud servers are located in data centers all over the world. Clouds may be limited to a single organization (enterprise clouds) or be available to many organizations (public cloud).

Cloud Computing

Cloud computing is the use of hardware or software to deliver a service over the internet, such as Gmail. With cloud computing, users can access files and use applications from any device that can access the Internet. By minimizing user involvement, automation speeds up the process, reduces labor costs and reduces the possibility of human errors.

More Information

RESOURCES

- Information for VA Office of Information Technology staff on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

    o https://vaww.oit.va.gov/oit/e-comm/?utm_source=banner&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=covid-19

- Coronavirus FAQs: What Veterans need to know

    o https://www.va.gov/coronavirus-veteran-frequently-asked-questions/

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- FedRAMP Evaluating Cloud
  - https://www.fedramp.gov/cloud/

- Protecting Data and Privacy in the Cloud
  - http://download.microsoft.com/download/2/0/A/20A1529E-65CB-4266-8651-1B57B0E42DAA/Protecting-Data-and-Privacy-in-the-Cloud.pdf

- Office of Privacy and Open Government - Safeguarding Information
  - http://www.osec.doc.gov/opog/privacy/PII_BII.html

ARTICLES
- Securing the PII 'crown jewels' of health IT systems
  - https://federalnewsnetwork.com/combating-healthcare-data-breaches-with-intelligence/2020/03/securing-the-pii-crown-jewels-of-health-it-systems/

- Using the Cloud: Seven Top Security Threats to Know About
  - https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/blogs/cloud-security-threats-to-know/

- 25 Tips for Protecting PII and Sensitive Data
  - https://cipher.com/blog/25-tips-for-protecting-pii-and-sensitive-data/

- Government Agencies Are Moving to the Cloud. Will More Efficient E-Discovery Follow?
  - https://www.law.com/legaltechnews/2019/12/13/government-agencies-are-moving-to-the-cloud-will-more-efficient-e-discovery-follow/?slreturn=20200216111629

- How to meet privacy requirements with your PII
  - https://techbeacon.com/security/how-meet-privacy-requirements-your-pii

- 7 Cloud Cost Management Tips
  - https://www.cio.com/article/3518781/7-cloud-cost-management-tips.html

VIDEOS
- VA gives update on VA Mission Act that gives veterans access to private care
  - https://video.foxnews.com/v/6120330432001#sp=show-clips